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## COTTON HAS BEGUN TO SET BOLLS

As of June 18, **Cotton** squaring is ahead of last year and the 5-year average with 70 percent reported, compared to 50 percent last year and 63 percent for the 5-year average. Eight percent of **cotton** was reported as setting bolls.

**Alfalfa** harvest activity remained constant compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 43 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 12 percent moderate, and 40 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 30 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 27 percent fair, and 17 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

As of June 18, 70 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 72 percent of **Barley**, 70 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 85 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **harvested**.

Temperatures throughout the State remained above average for the week of June 18. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees above

normal at Kingman and Parker to 1 degree above normal at Gila Bend. The highest temperature of the week was 117 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 32 degrees at Flagstaff. Light precipitation was reported at Douglas, Payson, Tucson, and Willcox.

Above average temperatures in Arizona are resulting in earlier than normal harvesting of late spring/early summer fruits, vegetables, and melons. Last week producers in central Arizona shipped **beauty, flames, and perlette grapes, cantaloupes, honeydews, potatoes, watermelons** and **zante currants**. As western Arizona vegetable season nears its conclusion, producers shipped an assortment of grapes and melons. **Grape** shipments included **beauty, flame, and perlette**. **Melon** shipments included **canary, cantaloupes, casaba, crenshaw, honeydew, orange flesh, persian, santa claus, sharlyn, specialty** and **watermelons**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** last week.

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### TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JUNE 11-17, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	69	3	98	45	0.00	2.41	3.25
Casa Grande	85	6	111	65	0.00	1.74	2.70
Coolidge	84	3	111	58	0.00	2.27	3.01
Douglas	78	3	101	59	0.30	0.92	2.08
Flagstaff	59	5	91	32	0.00	5.48	8.92
Gila Bend	88	1	111	65	0.00	2.05	2.16
Grand Canyon	60	5	92	38	0.00	6.01	6.23
Kingman	75	8	106	59	0.00	1.62	3.79
Parker	87	8	117	69	0.00	0.66	1.08
Payson	70	4	101	46	0.28	6.37	8.07
Phoenix	88	4	109	73	0.00	2.99	2.57
Prescott Airport	68	7	97	48	0.00	2.16	3.63
Safford Ag Center	79	6	105	59	0.00	0.41	2.37
Tucson	84	3	106	65	0.09	1.27	2.77
Willcox	75	4	101	54	0.18	1.32	2.74
Winslow	72	5	104	48	0.00	1.53	2.22
Yuma	87	3	109	70	0.00	0.30	0.96

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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